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Letter dated 5 January 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I am writing to you with regard to the letter dated 21 November 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations (A/72/605).

The articles by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia, Edward Nalbandian, cited in the said letter constitute yet another attempt to depict the one-sided Armenian narrative on the tragic events of 1915 as an undisputed "fact".

It is therefore important to set the record straight by recalling that there is no court verdict endorsing the Armenian narrative on the tragic events of 1915 or any consensus among historians on this painful episode of history. This legal point of view has been confirmed by the rulings of the European Court of Human Rights in the cases of *Perinçek v. Switzerland* (2015) and *Mercan and others v. Switzerland* (2017).

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 8.

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